

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention named.

# COVERING MADE OF FORM-RETAINING PARTS, IN PARTICULAR FOR A FLOOR, COVERING PARTS FOR USE THEREIN AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING THE COVERING PARTS

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following space is checked:

was filed on July 28, 2004 as International Application Serial Number PCT/NL2004/000241, now U.S. Application Serial Number 10/627,289 filed on February 3, 2006, and as amended by Preliminary Amendment filed on February 3, 2006.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 (including for continuation-in-part applications), material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

### Four Foreign Applications(s):

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and I direct that all correspondence be addressed to that Customer Number.

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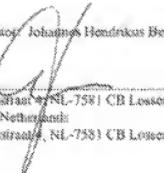
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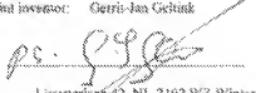
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